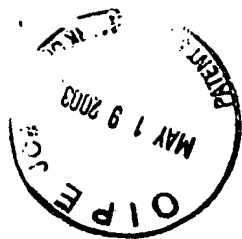


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



APPLICANT : Hind, et al.

TITLE : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
SYNCHRONIZING DATA RECORDS
BETWEEN MULTIPLE DATABASES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Declaration is submitted to establish invention of the subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 prior to February 7, 2000, the effective date of U.S. Pat. No. 6,493,727, issued to Huang et al. ("Huang"). Huang was cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated January 16, 2003, for the instant application.

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We, the undersigned, depose and say:

1. We are the named inventors of the claimed subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 of the instant application. Each of us is currently employed at Research In Motion Limited, the Assignee of the instant application.

2. Prior to February 7, 2000, we had reduced to practice the claimed subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 in the United States, a NAFTA country, or a WTO member country, as evidenced by the following:

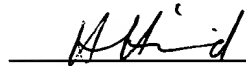
a. Prior to February 7, 2000, we had conceived and reduced to practice, in Canada, a System and Method for Synchronizing Data Records Between Multiple Databases, the subject matter of which is claimed in currently pending claims 1-10 and 18 of the instant application.

b. Exhibits A-G establish actual reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 no later than February 4, 2000. Each Exhibit provides a section of source code and corresponding revision history establishing respective dates of actual reduction to practice (Ex. A, lines 89-90; Ex. B, lines 40-41; Ex. C, lines 659-668; Ex. D, lines 55-66; Ex. E, lines 216-298; Ex. F, lines 3849 and 4132; and Ex. G, lines 11853-12060 and 14177-14651).

3. In addition to the reduction to practice of the claim subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 in Canada, prior to February 7, 2000, we had conceived of the subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 and coupled such conception with due diligence from prior to February 7, 2000 to the filing date of the application as evidenced by the following:

a. The attached Invention Disclosure Form (Ex. H), is known to us to be a true and correct copy. In January of 2000, while developing the software of Exhibits A-G, we began preparing an Invention Disclosure Form related to the subject matter of claims 1-10 and 18 of the instant application. We completed a first draft of the Invention Disclosure Form completed on February 21, 2000, and a second draft on March 13, 2000. This second draft was provided to our attorneys at Jones Day, who then prepared and filed the instant application on April 10, 2000.

4. We hereby declare that all statements made herein are of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued.



Hugh Hind

Date: May 15th, 2003



Craig Dunk

Date: May 15th, 2003